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FIRE DESTROYED MILITARY ACADEMY

Students of Alton School Bravely Fought Flames and Saved Their Belongings.

INCENDIARY ORIGIN HINTED.

Damage to Building and Contents May Exceed \$50,000—President A. M. Jackson's Courage.

STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT JACKSON.
Alton, Ill., Feb. 5.—The cadets of the Western Military Academy will leave for their homes to-morrow. The school is suspended until further notice. Just now our plans are necessarily indefinite.

A. M. JACKSON.
Fire, started, it is believed, by incendiaries, completely destroyed the Western Military Academy at Upper Alton shortly after 7 o'clock last night, entailing damages to the extent of \$50,000, partly covered by insurance.

Flames were first discovered in the attic of barracks "B," a three-story brick structure, and rapidly spread until the entire building was ablaze.

The barracks was an addition to the old building and, as the latter was built of wood, that, too, was soon a mass of flames. The Alton Fire Department, assisted by the students, fought the flames for over two hours, but both buildings were burned.

It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. Two weeks ago barracks "A," a detached building, was burned to the ground, and this morning the beds of the students were found in flames.

The students number about 150, and were all in the classroom in the barracks when the flames were discovered. The boys have been thoroughly drilled in a fire drill and at the sound of the bugle at once fell in rank.

Under command of their officers, Colonel A. M. Jackson and Captain George D. Eton, the work of saving the fittings of the institution was instituted. The boys worked bravely and everything movable was removed from the building.

The furniture and clothing was piled on the campus and a squad detailed for guard duty. The boys took turns at sentry duty throughout the night, and this morning the effects will be removed to places of safety.

The building which was destroyed contained the classrooms, sleeping quarters of the cadets, the rooms occupied by Colonel and Mrs. Jackson, Captain and Mrs. Eton, and the academy's dining hall.

The frame building was known as the Wyman Academy and was one of the historical landmarks of Illinois. It was erected nearly fifty years ago by Edward Wyman of St. Louis.

The old academy was for many years a favorite educational institution for students from St. Louis. The Western Military Academy had occupied the building for about eleven years.

The 150 cadets who were made homeless by the fire were given quarters in the private residences in Upper Alton and at Shorter College. The students are being fed by the St. Louis and Chicago boys in the institution, but their relatives need have no apprehension, for the boys are receiving the best care and attention.

Colonel Jackson authorized the following statement last night:

"It is absolutely impossible to tell how the fire started. The fire was discovered in a closet on the second floor of barracks B and soon spread throughout the building. There is no doubt but that the building was fired by some one who has a grudge against the academy."

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ICE GORGE TEARS BOATS FROM MOORINGS

Ten Persons Escape at Missouri's Mouth by Fleeing to Shore.

VENICE WATER TOWER'S PERIL.

Dynamite Used to Remove Obstruction—Sudden Rise of Four Feet in Mississippi River.

PATH OF DESTRUCTION BEHIND ICE AVALANCHE.
Ten persons are rendered homeless by the destruction of their houses by the ice. They are John S. Arthur and two children, Samuel Sexton and wife, F. C. Collins, wife and child, and Morris Human.

Damage to the amount of many thousands of dollars is threatened to the Granite City water plant, where a second gorge has been formed, and a force of men worked all night with dynamite blasts to remove the congestion.

Rise of four feet in the Mississippi River endangers vessels at the St. Louis Wharf and delays shipping.

Month of the Missouri River, where the houses were tied, was torn at Gabaret Island, which is endangered by the formation of another gorge, and the relative positions of both to St. Louis.

Immense ice flows sweeping down the Missouri River rammed into a small colony of houseboat dwellers on the Illinois shore just below the mouth of the river yesterday morning, crushing the boats and causing the inmates to flee across the ice for their lives. Four of the houses were sunk.

When the gorge broke part of it floated down the river and piled against the intake tower of the Granite City Waterworks, threatening its destruction. A large force of men are at work all night endeavoring to save the water plant by breaking up the heavy cakes with dynamite blasts.

The river at St. Louis has risen more than four feet since yesterday morning. The wharfbots and landings were drawn in nearer and moored with extra chains. Considerable ice is noticed in the channel, but so far it has not been heavy enough to do much damage.

Occupants of the houseboats who have been rendered homeless are John A. Arthur, his wife and two children; Samuel Sexton and his wife; F. C. Collins, wife and one child; and Morris Human, a laborer at Granite City yesterday to buy clothing and food.

"A few days ago," he said, "the river was almost seven feet lower than it is now, and we did not think it would rise again until fired by some one who has a grudge against the academy."

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LAWMAKER, ATTRACTED BY BARRINGTON CASE, WANTS LEGISLATION TO COVER SIMILAR DECEPTIONS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 5.—Barrington and his escapades have attracted the attention of the legislators.

Representative Selph of St. Louis will introduce a bill in the House to-morrow which, if enacted, will make it a felony for anybody to misrepresent himself with a view of enticing any girl into marriage.

"If the bill I propose to introduce becomes a law," said Mr. Selph to-night, "there will be something besides workhouse sentences for such fellows as this Barrington."

"Of course, a good many of us may picture glowing futures to the girls when we propose, but there is a line where a lover's imagination should have a limit. Fabulous fortunes, fake castles and bogus titles are some of the things against which I mean to legislate."

Selph's bill reads as follows:

"Every person who shall by false pretension, imposition, cunning or deceit, or who shall have been convicted of any crime unknown to the contracting party, who shall attempt to obtain a license to marry or shall marry any person of good character shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment in the Penitentiary for a term of not less than two nor more than ten years."

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CRUSADE FOR MORAL REFORM STIRS CITIZENS AND LEGISLATORS

JEFFERSON CITY GREATLY AGITATED.

Capital Removal Question Divides Citizens Into Brooks and Anti-Brooks Factions.

GOLDEN UPOLDS MINISTER.

Author of Resolution Scores Those Who Blame Preacher for Agitation—Says Move Was Begun Partly in Jest.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 5.—Every man, woman and child of Jefferson City has turned lobbyist against capital removal. Started as a joke, taken seriously by the legislators, and progressing to threatening proportions, natives of the capital are doing their utmost to stem what they deem a dangerous movement.

The life of a legislator is not pleasant here now. What he goes to breakfast, he is greeted by his landlady and landlord with protests; the barber, with uplifted razor, presents arguments against removal, while the business men are actively engaged in canvassing the situation. They have almost given up hope of beating a removal resolution in the Senate.

DEBATE TO-DAY.
It is probable that the matter will come for a warm debate to-morrow morning. Just before adjournment this evening, which did not take place until nearly half past 5, and after fifty-two members had left the House, Mr. Oliver of Cape Girardeau moved that the vote by which the Golden capital removal resolution had been sent to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments be reconsidered. Atkinson of Ripley seconded the motion. Speaker Whitcomb ruled matters off, and, on a division, the motion was carried by a vote of 59 to 49. This puts the resolution before the House for consideration.

"We object to the language of the resolution," said Mr. Oliver this evening. "It is not fair to condemn the capital city before its side has been heard. After some of the harsh language has been removed, I am willing for the resolution to be referred back to the committee."

People who live in Jefferson City are taking advantage of this temporary respite to their lobbying. They do not forget that six years ago it cost them thousands of dollars to beat the amendment to remove the capital to Sedalia. Some citizens even mortgaged their furniture in order to contribute to the fund. It was an experience which they have not forgotten.

It is probable that there will be a spirited debate in the morning. Kansas City is trying to flirt with Jefferson City, and may combine to keep it from going to St. Louis. The fact that St. Louis has made no move toward coming forward with a proposition is being taken up as an argument by Jefferson City people.

BITTER FEELING.
Whether the amendment ever gets before the people or not, there will be factions left in Jefferson City which will not soon heal. One element of the population, especially that which is profiting by the open gambling, is denouncing the Reverend Brooks for starting the anti-gambling crusade. Already Brooks and anti-Brooks factions are fighting one another, tooth and nail.

Representative Golden came to the debate in the House. He said that the removal proposition, and I am doubly surprised that the people of this city should not be interested in the removal of the capital from this city.

"I am in sympathy with the young minister who has the courage to openly discuss these matters. It seems that the people of this city, instead of eradicating the evils that exist, seek rather to silence the voice that is ringing the truth in their ears."

"Let them enforce the law, close up these gambling dens for all time and close their saloons and other places on Sunday, and the city's people will have done more to earn the good will of the legislator than by abusing their courageous young pastor."

"I regret that some people of this place direct their venom against a young minister who seeks to do his duty rather than toward those whose infamy has caused unfavorable comment on the town."

"My resolution was introduced partly in fun and partly to test sentiment on the question. But if the people here insist on ascribing to Elder Brooks all the blame in this matter and refuse to place it on those who are really at fault, I shall give this matter more serious consideration."

The Reverend Mr. Brooks has received scores of letters commending his reform movement. One from Sedalia, which tried to capture the capital six years ago, does not tend to alleviate the feelings of Jefferson City people. One sentence, indicative of others, is as follows:

"It gives me great pleasure, therefore, in behalf of the Ministers' Alliance of Sedalia, to assure you of our most hearty sympathy with you in your heroic effort to purify the morals of your city and thereby elevate the standard of good citizenship in the capital of our great State."

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OPERA SINGER WM. PAULL FALLS 130 FEET TO HIS DEATH

Barytone of Castle Square Company Plunges From Sixth Story of the Southern—Death Follows Almost Immediately—Negotiations in Progress for Securing Life Insurance Policy for Himself and Wife—Mrs. Paull Is Distraught.

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TRAINMEN MAKE FINAL DEMAND ON MISSOURI PACIFIC.

Result of Probable Refusal to Grant Demand May Cause Strike.

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WILLIAM PAULL



MRS. WILLIAM PAULL

Paul planned to his death from the sixth story of the Southern Hotel yesterday afternoon.

After spending a sleepless night in fretful tossing and fever, William Paull, barytone of the Castle Square Opera Company, plunged straight down an arrow to certain death from a sixth-story window on the Fourth street side of the Southern Hotel Thursday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock.

Whether he fell, jumped or was thrown from the window may remain a matter for conjecture, but the fact is that one who saw him at the time he left the window.

There are some who adhere to the theory that Paull was thrown from the window, although Doctor L. H. Behrens, house physician at the Southern, who attended the unfortunate man, declares there was no evidence of a struggle, either in the room from which he fell or upon the clothing or person of the singer. The spot where he fell is directly opposite the scene of the John Moog murder.

At the time the news of Paull's fall reached the hotel counter, Charley Van Studdiford was waiting for the unfortunate man by appointment in the corridor to insure his life.

He and Joseph Sheehan were to give Van Studdiford a decision as to whether they would sign policies as to whether they would sign policies.

As the body struck the pavement there was a tinkling of silver coin, which had left the pocket of the unfortunate singer in his pocket.

Quivering with convulsions, the body of the actor was tenderly picked from the sidewalk by the police and conveyed into the hotel corridor. Later Paull was carried to the baggage-room, where a temporary couch was constructed on the floor out of bed clothes. Then Doctor Behrens was hastily summoned.

The police were in favor of sending the injured man to the City Hospital immediately, but upon Doctor Behrens' arrival this plan was abandoned, and he pronounced him hopelessly injured, and stated that if moved he would die en route to the hospital.

His prediction was correct, for Paull expired at exactly 1:30 o'clock.

ONLY TWO WITNESSES SAW THE MAN FALL.

But two persons could be found who had seen Paull when he was descending from the top story of the building.

They were C. R. Randall of the American Type Foundry Company, and Paul Dunlap, a youth of No. 211 Fortia avenue.

Both were coming south on Fourth street when they were dumfounded almost at the sight of a man apparently diving off the roof of the hotel.

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